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**Dr. Hugh L. Dryden**  
**Deputy Administrator**  
**National Aeronautics and Space Administration**  
**Washington 25, D. C.**

**Dear Dr. Dryden:**

After Mr. McCone signed the attached letter to you, he asked me to add this note pointing out that although the draft estimate is classified Secret it is based on information from a variety of sensitive sources.

Mr. McCone requests that you bear this in mind in any discussions with people in your organization. He hopes that anyone so discussing it has the appropriate clearances.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

  
Assistant to the Director

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**Dr. Hugh L. Dryden**  
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**Dear Hugh:**

For the past few months, we have been engaged in the preparation of an estimate on the Soviet space program. This paper was scheduled for action by the United States Intelligence Board on 7 November. However, as Chairman of the USIB, I have directed that it be delayed for approximately two weeks to allow further consideration.

One of my purposes in delaying this paper was to gain sufficient time to solicit your comments. I feel that your experience both in the US program and in dealing with the Soviets could be of great help to us in making this important estimate. I am forwarding two copies of the paper to you in hopes that you will be able to review the present draft and meet with us, perhaps late next week, to give us your comments.

Sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

**John A. McCone**  
**Director**

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